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AFRL awards contract for technology to detect attacks

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ROME, *N.Y.* — The Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate has awarded a \$128,538 contract to the Secure Decisions division of Applied Visions Inc. for a study outlining the best methods to quickly transition new technology for detecting cyber attacks.

The six-month program, "Methodology for Transitioning Situational Awareness Technologies in the Operational Domain," builds upon the Long Island firm's record with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency Cyber Panel Program in transitioning technology, according to Mary L. Denz,

program manager in the directorate's Cyber Operations Branch.

"This effort will capture the company's expertise through a methodical approach for transitioning technology that displays an on-going cyber attack over time and assists network security officers to detect time patterns in suspicious activity and cyber attacks," said Ms. Denz. "They successfully transitioned this technology to operational facilities within the Department of Defense and will now document how that was done. This represents a highly desirable approach that we expect to learn valuable lessons from." @